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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YOSHIMURA, Kohshi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1773

Serial No.: **10/511,598**

Examiner: **FALASCO, LOUIS V.**

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**FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING CORROSION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, CORROSION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, DIP SPIN COATING METHOD FOR WORK PIECE, AND METHOD FOR FORMING COAT**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED December 6, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 27, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **December 6, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-16 and 21-22; and Group (II), Claims 17-20.

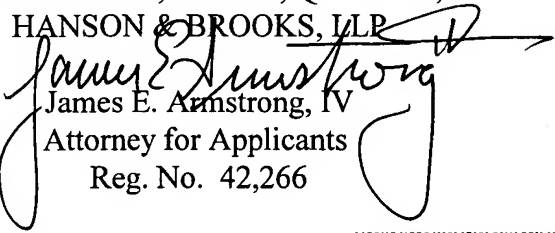
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 1-16 and 21-22** for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge  
our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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